

SEATTLE'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 10-YEAR UPDATE

Councilmember Steinbrueck Proposal for a Comprehensive Plan Policy for Sustainability Measures:¹

Policy:

As reflected in the goals and policies throughout this Plan, the City aspires to influence the outcomes of certain measures of sustainability in order to improve the lives of the people of the City. The City shall establish goals for, monitor and regularly report on the key indicators of health, the economy, population, energy use, sprawl, natural systems and pollution as part of the City's ongoing growth monitoring process.

Implementation

To implement this policy the City will identify a few key indicators of sustainability for each sustainability issue. The following is a preliminary list of such indicators.

Sustainability Measure	Key Indicators
1. Health	Lifespan
2. Economy	Composite index of median household income, the unemployment rate, the poverty rate and the child poverty rate.
3. Population	Total fertility rates and teen birth rate.
4. Energy Use	Electricity use and natural gas use.
5. Sprawl	Jobs/housing ratios in urban centers, percentage of new housing units and jobs in urban villages and urban centers, and percent of new housing units in areas with a density of at least 40 people per acre.
6. Natural Systems	Amount of urban forest, wildlife habitat and permeable surface coverage and index of creek health.
7. Pollution	Air quality, asthma hospital admissions, solid waste generation (net of recycling), levels of toxics in mother's breast milk and the ability to swim and fish in City streams, lakes and other waterways.

¹ This policy was developed using the Cascadia Scorecard, Northwest Environment Watch. See www.northwestwatch.org.

Comments

Comments on the information presented above will be accepted at the public meetings on the Ten-year Comprehensive Plan update sponsored by DPD and the Planning Commission.

In addition, written comments on the information will be accepted through May 28. Please send written comments so they will be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 28 at the following address:

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If you wish to be on the City's mailing list regarding the 2004 Comprehensive Plan amendments, please indicate so in writing to Councilmember Steinbrueck.

For more information on the upcoming public meetings or the City staff proposed amendments to Seattle's Comprehensive Plan, go to DPD's website at www.seattle.gov/dpd/planning/comprehensive/CPupdate.htm or contact: Lish Whitson, DPD Senior Planner 206-233-0079 compplan@seattle.gov

If you have other questions, please contact Bob Morgan, City Council Central Staff, at 684-8150, or at bob.morgan@seattle.gov.